

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A Z-type fastener comprising:
  - a base extension tab;
  - a fastening aperture engaging portion;
  - an extension block that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, wherein said extension block includes a bore configured to accept an elongated part of a securing bolt; andwherein when said Z-type fastener is engaged with a first assembly element, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall of the first assembly element, whereas the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to contact the first assembly element in the plane of a fastening aperture.
2. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured with a contour complementary to the fastening aperture contour.
3. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured with a contour different from fastening aperture contour.
4. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the elements of the fastener are formed as a single element.
5. (Withdrawn) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is a removable element configured to be secured to an extension of the fastening aperture engaging portion.

6. (Withdrawn) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured to contact the interior wall of the first assembly element directly beneath the exterior wall where the extension block is configured to contact the exterior wall of the first assembly element.

7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply structural support to the interior and the exterior wall respectively, on opposing sides of the fastening aperture in the first assembly element.

8. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the plane of the wall of the first assembly element on the same lateral side of the assembly wall as a base extension tab.

9. (Original) The fastener in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the plane of the wall of the first assembly element on an opposing lateral side of the assembly wall of the first element as the base extension tab

10. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 1, wherein the base tab extension is configured with a contour corresponding to the fastening aperture.

11. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 10, wherein the fastener is configured so that the fastener is rotated prior to establishing contact areas with the housing.

12. (Currently Amended) A housing cover fastening assembly comprising:  
a housing cover;  
a housing;  
a Z-type fastener further comprising a base extension tab having an  
interior pressure application surface, a fastening aperture pressure application edge, and an

extension body that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, wherein the extension body is configured to accept a securing body that extends through the housing cover securing the housing cover to the housing.

13. (Currently Amended) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 12, wherein the housing is a cylindrical tube which is structurally closed in the circumference and configured with at least one fastening aperture situated at ~~a horizontal~~ an end of the cylindrical tube.

14. (Original) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 13, wherein the outer circumference of the housing cover is formed to be secured to the housing by the securing body engaging with the fastener.

15. (Currently Amended) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 14, wherein the fastener is ~~threaded~~ received through the fastening aperture in the housing and maintains a plurality of contact areas with the housing.

16. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 15, wherein the fastener is configured to be rotated to establish the contact areas.

17. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 16, where the securing body is configured to thread with the extension body.

18. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 17, wherein engaging the securing body and the fastener defines a cover securing portion of the assembly between the securing body and the fastener.

19. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 18, wherein an edge of the housing cover is disposed within the cover securing portion, and engages the securing bolt head and the fastener.

20. (New) The fastener in claim 1, where the base extension tab is configured to contact the interior wall of the first assembly element, a central portion of the Z-type fastener is configured to contact the first assembly element in the plane of the fastening aperture and the extension block is configured to contact the exterior wall of the first assembly element.

21. (New) The fastener in claim 1, wherein the Z-type fastener has a Z-shaped side profile.